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1. Vietnam

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In South Vietnam, the pattern of the past few weeks remains substantially unchanged, with the Viet Cong refraining from the initiative in other than small-scale harassing and terrorist actions. The major battle near Viet An, south of Danang, is now in its fourth day, and press reports indicate that the 3,000 entrenched Viet Cong have forced the withdrawal of seven attacking South Vietnamese battalions.

Statements from Communist capitals show no give in their positions on Vietnam. Peiping, in an editorial yesterday, rejected the 17-nation appeal as a deliberate attempt to absolve US imperialism. Chinese radiobroadcasts have called the Honolulu conference a planning session for "escalation of the war," a view echoed by Moscow.

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2. Communist China

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3. Indonesia

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The US Embassy sees yesterday's affair before the North Vietnamese Embassy--a meeting between North Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong and 5,000 Indonesian "people's volunteers"--as possibly one step in preparing Indonesian opinion for some more concrete offer of military aid to North Vietnam.

4. Berlin

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5. Cyprus

Makarios--in a self-styled "peace offensive" aimed at the Turkish Cypriots--has announced he will lift restrictions on the movement of Turkish Cypriots in the southern two-thirds of the island this weekend, but the deadlock on this issue still exacerbates the situation in the capital. Turkish Cypriot military leaders do not seem averse to seeing this irritant continue.

From Athens, Greek leaders warn that the Turkish Government's campaign against resident Greeks and the Orthodox Patriarchate in Istanbul can only serve to torpedo Greek-Turkish talks over Cyprus.

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